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GOLDEN, Randy

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Filed: September 28, 2001

For: APPARATUS FOR FORMING ROLLED LIPS
ON THERMOPLASTIC CONTAINERS

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) Group Art Unit: 1722
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X Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application.

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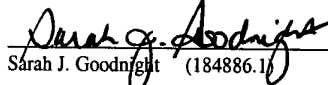
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003. A shortened statutory period of three months has been set for response, making this Reply due on November 27, 2003. Therefore, this Reply is considered timely. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

This Amendment and Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.